

Schaumburg, IL – In her continuing efforts to raise awareness of internet safety, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-8) will assemble a group of law enforcement officials and computer instructors who will describe the threats facing young internet users and offer advice on **how families can protect against criminals like identity thieves and child predators**. In recent years, cyber crime against children and teenagers has increased dramatically as thousands each year fall prey to online deception and manipulation.

Bean will hold a public educational forum with a full panel Monday night. On Tuesday she will be joined by an internet safety instructor at assemblies of 500 – 750 students at three middle schools in the 8th district.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, March 20, 2006	6:30pm	
Grayslake High School	Auditorium	
400 North Lake Street,	Grayslake, 60030	

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

8:45am

Northwood Middle School Gymnasium
2121 Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, 60098

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

11:00am

West Oak Middle School Gymnasium
500 Acorn Lane, Mundelein, 60060

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

1:15pm

Eisenhower Middle School Gymnasium
800 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, 60195

The panel will include Susan Chaplik from the Technology Team at Lincolnwood School District 74; Detective Shane McConnell from the Lake County High Tech Crimes Task Force; Police Chief Larry Herzog of the Grayslake Police Department; and Superintendent Dr. Catherine Finger from School District 127.

In addition to her public awareness efforts, Bean has also been developing legislation to improve Internet safety for kids and teens.

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